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SENATOR WITEK: Has some of that money gone to possibly medical payments that if the child has not had medical care that they need at that time?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Actually, the money simply goes into the fund, the fund that they have, and they use it to help offset any other overruns that they may have or costs that they have not had dollars to pay for.

SENATOR WITEK: So it is still likely then if this practice is accepted that, at the time the child comes into the custody of the state, if they had not had not had good medical care up to that time and they've used possibly some of those monies for that medical care, that the state will now become more responsible for that. There won't be anything in addition to what they've already had?

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: No, not anymore responsible that we are not already. Once the child goes back, we do not have the responsibility.

SENATOR WITEK: So those monies at this time are already probably coming from the General Fund or...

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: That is correct.

SENATOR WITEK: ...the Department of Social...okay, thank you.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Bernard-Stevens. Thank you, Senator Witek. Any other discussion on the motion to advance? Seeing none, Senator Bernard-Stevens waives closing. The question is the advancement of LB 524 to E & R Initial. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of 524.

SENATOR HALL: LB 524 is advanced. LB 524A, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: LB 524A, Mr. President, introduced by Senator Bernard-Stevens. (Read title.)

SENATOR HALL: Senator Bernard-Stevens to open on LB 524A.